

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. AM100182 01)

In re Application of: ) Appln. No.: 09/769,107  
) Confirmation No.: 4495  
VINCENT P. SANDANAYAKA *et al.* ) Customer No.: 25291  
) Group Art Unit: 1625  
Filed: 01/24/2001 ) Examiner: Raymond K. Covington  
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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING )  
ALPHA-SULFONYL HYDROXAMIC ) Paper No.: 11  
ACID DERIVATIVES )

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication mailed October 25, 2004, please amend the above-referenced patent application pursuant to the following instructions and consider the remarks in a favorable light.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

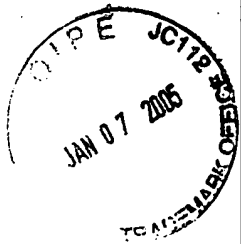
The amendment to the claims is warranted to respond directly to the Office action. The claims, if amended as proposed, do not present any new issues requiring further consideration or search. This amendment requires only a cursory review by the Examiner. Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found in original Claim 32, the specification on page 20, lines 8-21, page 22, lines 12-16 and elsewhere throughout the working examples. Other obvious typographical or clerical errors are being corrected at this time. In sum, the amendment adds no new matter.

While Applicants cannot amend the finally rejected claims as a matter of right, they believe in good faith that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance. As explained in the Remarks, the amendment overcomes the rejection of record. In accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the proposed amendment to the claims and a complete listing of all claims begin on a separate sheet to facilitate separate indexing and scanning of the amendment for placement in an e-file wrapper. Only the claim number and status indicate the canceled claims. For the convenience of the Office staff, the amendment is placed in the below Appendix and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith in the above-referenced patent application is an Amendment after Final Rejection Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. No additional fee is required for the amendment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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